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Craig Lally, President
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Dear President Lally:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated May 17, 2018, requesting that the Department blur the faces of officers in video footage required for release pursuant to the Board of Police Commissioners' (BOPC) Critical Incident Video Release Policy.

As you are aware, the policy negotiated by the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) with the BOPC does not provide for the redaction or blurring of officers' faces. In addition, we are unaware of any legal basis to blur the faces of officers absent a specific threat against an officer depicted in the footage.

While the Department is concerned about any potential negative consequences associated with the disclosure of video evidence, the policy negotiated by the LAPPL and approved by the Commission does not allow the Department to blur officers' identities as you are now requesting.

As the Department suggested to Vice President Jeretta Sandoz and LAPPL attorney Gary Ingemunson on April 16, 2018, the LAPPL should contact BOPC Vice President Matthew Johnson or President Steve Soboroff to determine whether the Commission is willing to amend the policy to enable the Department to blur the faces of officers depicted in video footage. The Department does not have the ability to modify the policy unilaterally.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (213) 486-8730.

Very truly yours,

CHARLIE BECK
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